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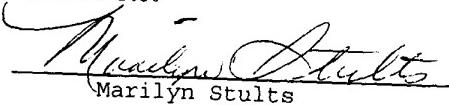
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This is a request for filing a

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application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 09/740,764 filed on December 19, 2000, which is a divisional of prior application Serial Number 08/969,937 filed on November 28, 1997, which is a continuation of prior application Serial Number 08/045,038 filed April 8, 1993 of inventors:

Yasuhiro KOMIYA; Tatsuo NAGASAKI; Ryoichi SAWAKI;  
Takeshi MORI; Yoichi IBA; and Koutatsu OURAYA

Title: "IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS"

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION:

Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.  
43-2, Hatagaya 2-chome, Shibuya-ku,  
Tokyo, JAPAN

- 1a.  Enclosed is the specification, claims and drawings of the continuation or divisional application with a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.
- 1b.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including a copy of the Oath or Declaration.
- 1c.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 1d.  Paper entitled Deletion of Inventor(s) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2).
2.  FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$280.00 =	\$ _____
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Total of above Calculations				\$ <u>856.00</u>

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4.  A check in the amount of \$ 856.00 is enclosed.
5.  Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_

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6. [ ] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a [ ] continuation, [ ] division of application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
7. [ ] New formal drawings are enclosed. \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets, Figs. \_\_\_\_\_
8. [X] The prior application is assigned to Olympus Optical Co., Ltd., 43-2, Hatagaya 2-chome,  
Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN
9. [ ] Small Entity Status was claimed in said application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Small entity status is still proper and desired.
10. [X] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a or 1b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
11. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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- 12a. [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.
- 12b. [ ] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

13. [X] Address all future communications to:

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14. [X] Priority claim (35 USC 119) is made based upon

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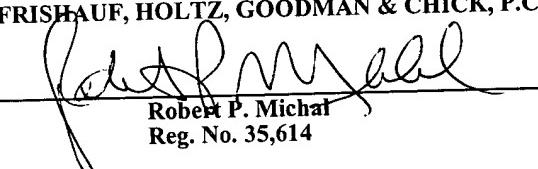
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in said application Serial No. 08/045,038

15. [X] Information Disclosure Statement  PTO/SB/08A&B

16. [X] Statement Regarding Change of Inventor Name and Citizenship

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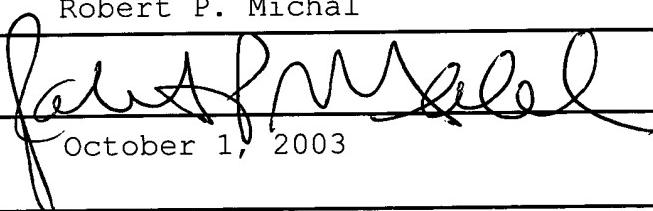
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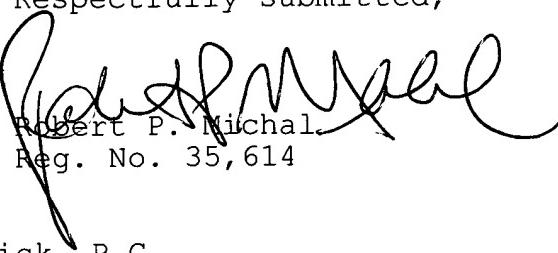
This is a request to delete the names of the following  
originally named inventors in the parent application, and who are  
not inventors of the invention now being claimed:

Toshiyuki EBIHARA

Hideo TOMABECHI

This statement is being submitted along with a copy of the Declaration submitted herewith under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(ii) and (iv).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**STATEMENT REGARDING CHANGE OF NAME  
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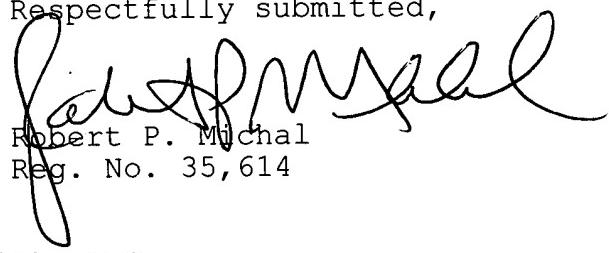
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The prior applications from which the present application  
claims the benefit under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121, named one of  
the inventors as Kangda Wang (originally a citizen of the  
Peoples' Republic of China) who subsequently changed his name to  
Koutatsu Oura (now a citizen of Japan). A Petition to change the  
name and citizenship of the inventor was submitted in U.S. Serial  
No. 09/740,764, which is the parent application of the present  
application. The Petition was granted and a Supplemental  
Declaration was signed by the inventor using his new name and  
citizenship. Copies of the Petition and supporting documentation

submitted in U.S. Serial No. 09/740,764, along with the Supplemental Declaration, are attached.

If the Examiner requires any additional information, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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